

ABSTRACT

5 A knee protection airbag for protecting the knees of a vehicular occupant. The airbag is inflated from a storage position to a deployed position to substantially fill a space between the knees of the occupant when seated on a front seat and an instrument panel. By filling the space between the knees and the instrument panel, injury to the knees, and other body parts, is prevented. Inflation of the airbag is caused by a determination by a crash sensor system of a pending or actual crash involving the vehicle and may include an anticipatory crash sensor which forecasts a crash between the vehicle and another object prior to impact of the vehicle by the other object. In this manner, the airbag is inflated prior to the crash.